**NUCLEAR FIELD “A” SCHOOL STUDENT WELCOME PACKAGE**

Welcome to Nuclear Field “A” School! Below, you will find some helpful information to assist your transition into Nuclear Field “A” School.

**ACADEMICS**

* + Machinist’s Mate Nuclear (MMN) “A” School
  + 15 weeks of classroom instruction and hands on laboratory instruction.
  + Courses consist of Math, Basic Machinery and Mechanical Equipment
* Electrician’s Mate Nuclear (EMN) “A” School
  + 25 weeks of classroom instruction and hands on laboratory instruction.
  + Courses consist of Math, Basic Electricity, Electronics Fundamentals, Digital Microprocessors and Electrical Equipment.
* Electronics Technician Nuclear (ETN) “A” School
  + 25 weeks of classroom instruction and hands on laboratory instruction.
  + Courses consist of Math, Basic Electricity, Electronics Fundamentals, Digital Microprocessors and Instrumentation & Control Equipment.
* EMNs and ETNs will split the class after week 17.

**GENERAL**

* You will depart boot camp and arrive at NNPTC on the same day. Once you arrive at the Charleston Airport, contact the NNPTC quarterdeck at 843-794-8000 and the command will provide transportation.
* You will muster with your Section Leading Petty Officer (SLPO) at 0700.

**PERSONAL PROERTY AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

The WPNSTA Charleston Personal Property Office inbound shipment phone number is (843) 794-7577/7575

**UNIFORM OF THE DAY**

* The Uniform of the Day while you are assigned to Nuclear Field “A” School is the Navy Working Uniform or Navy Service Uniform Monday through Thursday and the seasonal service dress uniform on Friday.

**MEDICAL AND DENTAL**

* Sick call hours for Medical are 0530 – 0800.
* Sick call hours for Dental are 0700 – 1100 and 1300 - 1430.

**PARKING**

* At some point in your training, usually the 4th to 5th week, you will be allowed to have a vehicle. During your indoctrination, and before you are allowed to drive a vehicle, you will be briefed on the base regulations.

**EFFECTIVE STUDY**

* The following general habits have been found to be useful at NFAS:
  + Take a good set of class notes.
  + Before attempting to work homework problems, review your class notes to include the work examples. Work hardest on those areas you find confusing.
  + Attempt the assigned homework problems without the aid of notes or textbooks. This will give you a daily quiz on the material covered in class.
  + If you are unable to work the problem, return to your notes and determine how the concepts apply to the problem and continue from there. Flag the area of your notes for future review.
  + Read the reading assignment for the next day.
  + DO NOT GET BEHIND! You are required to do homework daily.
  + Do not cram for exams. Get help on material you do not understand as soon as possible. Instructors are available on nights preceding an academic day to help answer questions.
  + Ask yourself how the material can be used or tested. Make up (mentally) questions on the material. Answer these questions aloud.
  + Practice sketching diagrams presented in class.
  + Look for areas where material learned in one subject applies to another subject.
  + At the end of a topic, review the Topical Guide Objectives.
  + Engage in a round robin of questions and answers with other students using your notes to check their answers.
  + Study the whole topic to obtain the overview as well as the details.
  + Plan when and where you are going to study and how much time you will spend on each subject. Write down your plan and adhere to it. The weekly study log is designed to assist you in planning your time. You should re-evaluate this plan periodically, in light of your academic performance. Discuss your findings with your academic advisor, incorporating into your plan any suggestions he/she may make. If you take the time to plan and organize your time, you will make much more efficient use of it.
  + Schedule extra instruction early in the week with your instructor to take place during your study halls. Use the Night Duty Instructor (NDI) frequently and adjust your study hours to maximize your use of the NDI to aid to your study efforts.
  + During lectures try to associate the new information being presented with your previous knowledge – from this subject, other Nuclear Field “A” School subjects, or from your previous experience. Look for fundamental principles. Do not concentrate on memorizing isolated facts and formulas. You cannot expect to obtain an adequate understanding of the subject material unless you actively engage your mind during lectures. This must be a continuous, conscious effort. Start now to form good listening habits and do not let yourself become lazy.

**WHEN DOING HOMEWORK**

* The following general habits have been found to be useful:
  + Review the lecture material first.
  + Do homework with closed notes. Treat it as an exam.
  + Anything that must be looked up should be flagged for later study.
  + Try to balance the time spent on each subject, each night.
  + Learn equations that are needed for homework by writing them several times without looking at the equation.
  + Practice laying out your work clearly and logically. Follow procedures outlined by your instructor.
  + Try every problem, but do not let other subjects suffer by spending too much time on one or two homework problems.
  + If you do not understand something, ask your instructor. Look for fundamental principles. If you understand problems that are presented in class but cannot solve similar problems on your own, you probably do not understand the principles involved.
  + Do not neglect your math proficiency.
  + Keep a file of corrected homework for review purposes.